

## Message Text

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FOR VEST AND MAYNES FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, UN, US, UR  
SUBJECT: US-USSR CONSULTATIONS ON SSOD

REF: STATE 75629

1. I OF COURSE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO JIM LEONARD'S VISIT  
AND REGRET THAT PREVIOUS MESSAGE WAS INTERPRETED IN THAT  
WAY.

2. MY POINT IS THAT, UNLESS WE BEGIN CONSULTATIONS WITH  
SOVIETS EARLIER THAN LATE APRIL, THESE CONSULTATIONS ARE  
LIKELY TO HAVE VERY LITTLE EFFECT ON THE SOVIET POSITION.  
IN THE HIGHLY BUREAUCRATIC SYSTEM HERE, POSITIONS FOR  
SUCH EVENTS AS SSOD ARE PREPARED WELL IN ADVANCE, AND ONCE  
APPROVED BY POLITBURO, ARE VIRTUALLY UNCHANGEABLE. TO  
HAVE ANY HOPE OF AFFECTING THE PROCESS, WE MUST KNOW WHAT  
WE WANT AND GET IN EARLY WITH A PRESENTATION OF OUR  
POSITION.

3. WE SHALL APPROACH MFA REGARDING LEONARD VISIT, BUT I  
HOPE THAT WE CAN MAKE UP OUR MINDS VERY SOON REGARDING  
WHAT WE WANT OUT OF THE SSOD SO THAT WE CAN BEGIN TO  
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TOUCH BASE WITH SOVIETS WHILE THEY ARE DEVELOPING THEIR  
POSITIONS. TOON

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